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SUBJECT: CSCE: FRENCH DRAFT DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES
AND FOUR POWER RIGHTS

REF: (A) STATE 163110; (B) BONN 11960; (C) USNATO 3928

1. DEPARTMENT CALLED IN FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR MASSET
AUGUST 27 FOR BRIEF DISCUSSION OF US POSITION ON FOUR
POWER ASPECTS OF FRENCH DRAFT. IN THIS CONNECTION
DEPTOFF HIGHLIGHTED FOLLOWING TWO PROBLEMS WHICH WE
WOULD APPRECIATE FRENCH TAKING UNDER CLOSE ADVISEMENT:

(A) REGARDLESS OF WHETHER FINAL DRAFT ON PRINCIPLES IS
FRENCH NATIONAL DRAFT OR NATO DRAFT, WE CONSIDER IT VERY
IMPORTANT THAT THOSE PORTIONS OF DECLARATION HAVING
POTENTIAL RELEVANCE FOR FOUR POWER RIGHTS AND RESPONSI-

BILITIES HAVE PRIOR AGREEMENT OF THREE POWERS AND FRG.
WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT PROPER PLACE TO SEEK THIS
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AGREEMENT IS IN BONN GROUP. (B) WHILE IT IS CLEAR THAT

DECLARATION LANGUAGE ULTIMATELY AGREED UPON WILL CONTAIN
REFERENCE TO CONCEPT OF "SOVEREIGN EQUALITY," NO ONE IN
BONN GROUP VIEWS GDR AS BEING FULLY SOVEREIGN STATE.,
IN ORDER PERMIT NO DOUBT AS TO OUR VIEWS IN THIS REGARD,
WE HAVE PROPOSED APPROPRIATE WESTERN DISCLAIMER ON FOUR
POWER RIGHTS WHICH WE CONSIDER IT ESSENTIAL BE MADE AT
OUTSET OF STAGE 2. WE BELIEVE THAT ONCE AGREEMENT REACHED
ON DISCLAIMER IN BONN GROUP, PRECISE LANGUAGE USED IN
FRENCH DECLARATION LIKELY ASSUME SOMEWHAT LESS IMPORTANCE.
WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT BONN GROUP GIVE PRIORITY
CONSIDERATION TO AGREEMENT ON DISCLAIMER.

2. MASSET COMMENTED THAT HE BELIEVES THERE NO REAL
DISSIMILARITY BETWEEN US AND FRENCH VIEWS AND WOULD
REPORT US VIEWS TO GOF. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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